

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 907

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Greg Duckett for  
laudable service to the people of Memphis and  
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Greg Duckett, who is the first African-  
American Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel at Baptist Memorial Health Care  
Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett has also been a pioneer for African-Americans in his previous  
and equally impressive positions, which have included meritorious service as the first African-  
American Director of Housing and Community Development and the first African-American  
Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, thankful for the opportunities that he has enjoyed, Greg Duckett is not  
content to be among the vanguard of progress and prosperity in Memphis, and he actively and  
unselfishly works to help others achieve their career aspirations in corporate Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the son of Ocie and Lavance Duckett, Greg Duckett credits his parents with  
teaching him about the value of hard work, tolerance, understanding, and self-confidence; these  
characteristics have been essential components of his continued success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett has been a lifelong Tennessean, except for four years at  
Oberlin College in Ohio, and continued his education at the University of Memphis, where he  
earned a law degree; and

WHEREAS, Greg Duckett epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of  
a true Tennessean, as demonstrated in his numerous volunteer positions, including service as a

member of the Board of the National Civil Rights Museum, the Shelby County Election Commission, and the St. Jude AXA/Liberty Bowl Festival Association; and

WHEREAS, in his few moments of free time, Mr. Duckett enjoys woodworking, carpentry, and restoring old Mustangs, but even more, he loves the time and companionship that he shares with his wife, Brenda, and their two children, Stephen and Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Duckett for his dedication and determination to be a consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Greg Duckett for his meritorious service to the good people of Memphis and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.